THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No.9120 of 2007

Date: 27.04.2007

Between:

Y.Naveen Hari Kumar.

....Petitioner

And

Govt. of A.P., rep., by its Principal Secretary, Revenue Department, Secretariat, Hyderabad and another.

....Respondents

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O R D E R:

Petitioner is said to have purchased an extent of 213.9 square yards of land in Survey No.193/1 part of Vepagutna Village and Panchayat, Visakhapatnam District. It is stated that the sale deed executed by the vendor was presented to the second respondent for registration and that the same was kept pending. The grievance of the petitioner is that the document is not released, even after the necessary formalities have been complied with.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for Revenue.

Once a document is presented for registration, the registering authority is under obligation to take necessary steps, in accordance with the provisions of Indian Stamp Act and Registration Act. If any reasons exist that warrant non-registration of the document, the same are required to

be communicated to the parties. The document cannot be kept pending indefinitely.

Hence, the Writ Petition is disposed of, directing the second respondent to release the document, in question, if it is otherwise permissible, or to communicate the reasons to the petitioner, for not releasing the document, within one (1) week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. There shall be no order as to costs.

27.04.2007

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